



***MINUTES***  
SPECIAL PUBLIC COUNCIL MEETING  
September 21, 2015

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Minutes of the Special Public Meeting of Council held in the Council Chambers, Town Hall on September 21, 2015 at 5:40 p.m.

**Members Present**

Mayor Ralph Tapper  
Deputy Mayor Geoff Gallant  
Councillor Peggy Roche  
Councillor Craig Scott  
Councillor Mary Thorne-Gosse  
Councillor Brian Whitty

**Staff Present**

Ann Picco, Executive Clerk

**Regrets**

Councillor Carol Ann Smith

**Gallery**

There were 0 people in attendance.

413-15      Motion – Councillor Thorne-Gosse / Deputy Mayor Gallant

**RESOLVED THAT** In the absence of the Chief Administrative Officer/Town Clerk for the Special Public Council Meeting of September 21, 2015, that Executive Clerk Ann Picco be appointed the Acting Town Clerk. Any operational matters are to be referred to the appropriate senior department staff member.

Question called. Motion carried.

For Motion: 6 (Mayor Tapper, Deputy Mayor Gallant, Councillors Roche, Scott, Thorne-Gosse and Whitty)

Against Motion: 0

Abstained: 0

**ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

414-15      Motion – Councillor Roche / Councillor Thorne-Gosse

**RESOLVED THAT** the Agenda be adopted as presented.

Question called. Motion carried.

For Motion: 6 (Mayor Tapper, Deputy Mayor Gallant, Councillors Roche, Scott, Thorne-Gosse and Whitty)

Against Motion: 0

Abstained: 0

**Town of Torbay Resolution - Municipalities Newfoundland and Labrador**

415-15      Motion – Deputy Mayor Gallant / Councillor Scott

**RESOLVED THAT** the Town of Torbay bring forward the following resolution to the Municipalities Newfoundland and Labrador (MNL) Conference in November, 2015:

**Sourcewater Protection**

**Whereas** many municipalities in Newfoundland and Labrador rely on surface water supplies for their drinking water;

**Whereas** recent research has revealed that many community drinking water supply areas in Newfoundland and Labrador are inadequately protected and/or monitored to ensure safe drinking water;

**Whereas** all municipalities would benefit from concerted education related to watershed stewardship best practices; and,

**Whereas** regional approaches to watershed monitoring and management are recommended in many parts of the Province;

**Be It Resolved That** MNL lobby the Government of Newfoundland and Labrador to ensure all water supply areas are designated Protected Public Water Supply Areas (PPWSA), and to work with MNL to build municipal capacity to actively implement PPWSA regulations, appropriate to local and/or regional governance means, and watershed area monitoring measures.

Question called. Motion carried.

For Motion: 6 (Mayor Tapper, Deputy Mayor Gallant, Councillors Roche, Scott, Thorne-Gosse and Whitty)

Against Motion: 0

Abstained: 0

Council discussed the above motion:

- Deputy Mayor Gallant advised of the following:
  - He noted that as President of the Stewardship Association of Municipalities (SAM), he was given a seat on the Environment and Sustainability Committee. The Committee had its first meeting approximately two weeks ago, and came up with the above resolution. Deputy Mayor advised that Municipalities Newfoundland and Labrador (MNL) CEO Craig Pollett asked if Deputy Mayor could bring forward, and he agreed to bring to Council to be passed through MNL from the Town of Torbay.
  - Deputy Mayor noted that as per information from the Director of Planning, Town of Torbay staff do monitor its drinking water supply. However, stats from MNL indicate that a lot of municipalities in Newfoundland and Labrador do not have their water supplies protected or monitored. If this resolution is passed, MNL can lobby for communities.
- Council questioned the first paragraph of the resolution relating to surface water supplies for drinking water, and requested clarification if it refers to wells or watershed.
  - It was noted that there are communities using artesian wells.
  - Council discussed that the resolution presented could not be amended, but once presented at MNL Convention on the floor, it can be debated and then requested to be amended.
  - Deputy Mayor noted he would also bring up at the next Environment and Sustainability Committee.

### **QUESTION AND ANSWER SESSION**

There were no members of the public present in the Gallery.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

416-15      Motion – Deputy Mayor Gallant / Councillor Scott

**RESOLVED THAT** the meeting be adjourned at 6:50 p.m., as there was no further business.

Question called. Motion carried.

For Motion: 6 (Mayor Tapper, Deputy Mayor Gallant, Councillors Roche, Scott, Thorne-Gosse and Whitty)

Against Motion: 0

Abstained: 0

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*Mayor*

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*CAO/Town Clerk*